

Hello, I am a member of AFTRA, sister to a radio producer, singer and appreciator of local radio news. I was an actor on a Peabody Award winning series called "The DNA Files".

I believe it is important to tap local resources for defining the needs in that area. Events that take place in an area such as local music, sporting events, weather reports, factory to work calls, local commentary should be produced on stations. The radio is an important resource for delivering onsite reports and entertainment pertaining to a region and the way to do that is to let the local stations make the programing decisions .

Too often we are coated over by homogenization and numified by repetitions in advertising that have nothing to do with our individual or community day to day growth and stimulation.

Notices for charity walks, local fund-raisers, enviornmental issues are all part of intelligence in broadcasting because it highlights events that bring communities together in striving to better their areas, taking pride in guiding the grass roots, and by stimulating a community to awareness of it's local issues you gently bond and area into caring about it's outcome. This is neccessary for the health of our lives and for the growth of our nation.

Voice-tracking should be eliminated because it takes jobs away from local DJ's who announce local issues and events, DJ's who can, through being in touch with a community, rouse passions in people, stimulate conversations by informing communities so they can address issues that matter to the area. Voice-tracking is another way to disenfranchise the people from reality; another numbing technique that is proving detrimental to building a nation that cares about it's outcome. There is too much swing towards building a lobotomized society.

We are a diverse nation and in that diversity there is strength. We are a large nation. Promote our country as an open society- one that is aware of what it was built on, one that is in tune with it's local issues, it's heritage (s), the events in each community. Through education/ information we become aware and excited and we begin to care, therefore take action and be responsible for the ourcome. Give us the freedom to create and inform on a local level for the betterment of our nation as a whole.

Thank you for listening and taking the necessary time to create a package with our diversities in mind.
Thank you for putting the reins in our hands.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Stifter
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